

Probably Fair To-night and Friday.

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SECRETARY KNOX HAS A CHANCE FOR PRESIDENCY

Electoral College Deadlock May Lead to His Succession.

WOULD HOLD OFFICE TO NOVEMBER, 1913

Congress Would Be Called Upon To Provide For Special Presidential Election.

By JUDSON C. WELLIVER.

A Presidential election in November, 1912, and another in November, 1913!

That anomalous and unprecedented possibility is boldly announced by Col. George B. M. Harvey, in a consideration of the political situation in the current number of the North American Review. Colonel Harvey figures thus:

The Electoral College, with three important candidates running, may be so divided, after the polling two months hence, that no candidate will have a majority. Thereupon the election falls into the House.

The House, with twenty-two Republican State delegations, twenty-two Democratic, and four tied, cannot give a majority of States to any candidate.

Up To the Senate.

The Senate, in this exigency, must elect the Vice President. If it should succeed, he would become President, but would it elect? Colonel Harvey doubts it, for the same reasons that have been pointed out in The Times heretofore. He analyzes the close party division of the Senate, and points out that the group of Progressive or Insurgent Republican Senators hold the balance of power. They would, presumably, refuse to vote for either Sherman or Marshall; therefore, neither of those two could be chosen Vice President.

If this little group should find itself thus in control of the balance of power, Colonel Harvey thinks, it is altogether likely that some of them would refuse to participate. If so, the results which would ensue would involve the probability of a special election of President.

Provisions of Constitution.

The statement of the legal and constitutional provisions on this subject is laid down by Colonel Harvey thus: "What, aside from their disapproval of Sherman, could be the motive of Roosevelt and his adherents in preventing the election of a Vice President under circumstances which would constitute him President for four years? The answer is to be found in the law of succession (Chapter IV of the acts of the Forty-ninth Congress), which provides that:

"In case of the removal, death, resignation or inability of both the President and Vice-President, then the Secretary of State shall act as President until the disability of the President or Vice-President is removed or until a President is elected."

"The acting President must, upon taking office, convene Congress, if not at the time in session, in extraordinary session, giving twenty days' notice."

This statute was enacted by authority of Article II, section 6, of the Constitution, which confers upon Congress the power of "declaring what officer shall then act as President."

"The plain intent of both Constitution and statute is that 'such officer' shall only act as President until a President can be elected, and the momentary disability of the President or Vice-President is removed or until a President is elected."

In the event, then, of the House of Representatives failing to elect a President and the Senate failing to elect a Vice President, the procedure would be as follows: President Taft's fixed term of office would expire at midnight of March 3 and the Secretary of State, Mr. Knox, whose official life is indeterminate, would become acting President. As such he would be obliged to convene Congress in extraordinary session on March 24 and Congress would "determine the time of choosing electors," certainly not later than November of the forthcoming year. In this manner, Mr. Roosevelt and his new party would have a second opportunity to win the Presidency within a twelve-month, greatly, no doubt, to the satisfaction of both.

This statement of the possibilities (Continued on Second Page.)

WEATHER REPORT.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT. Probably fair tonight and Friday; moderate temperature.

| TEMPERATURES. | |
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| U. S. BUREAU. | AFLECK'S. |
| 9 a. m. 70 | 9 a. m. 72 |
| 10 a. m. 70 | 10 a. m. 72 |
| 11 a. m. 71 | 11 a. m. 73 |
| 12 noon 71 | 12 noon 73 |
| 1 p. m. 72 | 1 p. m. 74 |
| 2 p. m. 73 | 2 p. m. 75 |

TIDE TABLE.
Today—High tide, 9 a. m. and 9:15 p. m.; low tide, 3:05 a. m. and 3:24 p. m.
Tomorrow—High tide, 9:35 a. m. and 9:32 p. m.; low tide, 3:43 a. m. and 3:55 p. m.

SUN TABLE.
Sun rises, 5:25 Sun sets, 6:36

Noted Merchant Ill



JOHN WANAMAKER. Reported to Have Undergone Operation, Although Serious Illness Is Denied by Secretary.

JOHN WANAMAKER MAY NOT SURVIVE SERIOUS OPERATION

Merchant Prince in Dangerous Condition, Is Report From Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 29.—Despite the statement of John Wanamaker's private secretary to the effect that the veteran merchant is in good health and enjoying a vacation at Atlantic City, and despite the statement of his office secretary that he does not know where Mr. Wanamaker is, it is said to be a fact today that he is lying seriously ill at his home in this city.

Report has it that two weeks ago he was taken ill at his office. After a few days he recovered sufficiently to go to Breton Woods, Mr. While there he became ill again and started for home. He became so weak, however, that he stopped in New York for a time. On being finally moved to his home in Philadelphia, an operation was decided on for an internal complaint of long standing, but the result of the operation is not known.

Mr. Wanamaker is said to have rallied from the effects of it, but is thought to be in a very serious condition. Because of his advanced age, he being now seventy-four, fears are entertained for his recovery. Precaution has apparently been taken to keep the news of the merchant's illness absolutely quiet.

CONGRESSMAN GEORGE IS MUCH IMPROVED

Will Leave Next Week for Home In New York For Complete Rest.

The condition of Congressman Henry George, Jr., who is suffering from a nervous breakdown at his home, 1431 Biltmore street northwest, had today so much improved that his physician consented to his being removed to his country home in New York next Monday.

Congressman George's efforts to complete his committee report on District taxation before the adjournment of Congress were arduous, and he is now suffering a nervous reaction from his labors. His physician has ordered him to rest from all mental work during the next few weeks.

TAKE UP DUTIES IN CHILD BUREAU

Miss Julia Lathrop Opens Temporary Quarters for Organization.

Miss Julia Lathrop, chief of the Children's Bureau, arrived in Washington last night and today took up temporary office quarters in the Department of Commerce and Labor annex, in Louisiana avenue.

With the passage of the legislative appropriation bill salaries for officers became available and the chief bar to commencing the work was removed. Miss Lathrop was in Washington two months ago and then selected an assistant, a private secretary, and a stenographer. She will devote herself for the next few weeks to the organization of the bureau.

Permanent quarters for the Children's Bureau will probably be found elsewhere, and the Louisiana avenue offices will be maintained only for a short time.

ROOSEVELT SAYS PENROSES SHOULD BE FIRED OUT

Has Admitted His Crookedness, Declares Leader Of Progressives.

URGES PEOPLE TO LEAVE VENAL BOSSES

Vermont Gives Rousing Welcome To Candidate of Bull Moose Party.

BENNINGTON, Vt., Aug. 29.—Colonel Roosevelt started his three days' campaign in Vermont today with a brilliant speech at the ball grounds here, in which he attacked the Democratic and Republican parties for their boss rule.

"If you want to govern yourselves and not have the venal boss, such as the Penrose type, do it, then you will have to come with us," exclaimed the colonel.

Gets Rousing Welcome.

The crowd gave the former President a rousing greeting. Roosevelt was informed by his workers here that a decided Progressive sentiment exists in the State. James R. Garfield, former Secretary of the Interior, under Roosevelt, who has been stumping the State, met the colonel upon his arrival with encouraging words.

"We have had crowded meetings everywhere and intense enthusiasm," he said.

Progressive leader said he expected Dr. Frazier Metzger, Progressive candidate for governor, to poll 30,000 votes at the election next Tuesday.

"That means," quoted Garfield, "that the election for governor will go into the State legislature. It also means that Roosevelt will carry the State in November."

Roosevelt reached North Bennington by train and drove here in an automobile. At stations along the way crowds yelled for him, but it was too early for the colonel to be up.

He was cheered by an immense throng on the streets here.

"Hooray for the Bull Moose," was the cry that filled the air. Roosevelt stepped to the platform to face the 5,000 people in the ball park, some one cried, "Give it to Teddy."

The colonel grinned.

"I'm flourishing under their attacks," he replied. "I'm not as thin as I was in Cuba, anyway."

Introduces Himself.

Frazier Metzger, the gubernatorial candidate, forgot to introduce the colonel, so Roosevelt exclaimed: "Look here, I guess I'll have to introduce myself."

The crowd laughed and the colonel plunged into his speech.

"I happen to stand today symbolizing a movement that is to make for improvement of our national life," he said. "We stand for the forces that make for progress. I'm using myself in this fight to lead you to a new party."

He spoke of getting letters from Republicans who were anxious to vote for him for President, but felt a reluctance to leave the Republican Party.

"Now it is quite true that many of us may feel a stretching of the heart strings to leave the old party," he went on. "But I believe that you will be a bit proud to say, later on, that you were one of the last to withdraw your support from the reactionary party. You will feel better over it if you can say that you are in advance of the new movement."

"I don't want Vermont to lag behind in this move. The Progressive cause is going on sure and I want Vermont to be in the lead instead of at the end. In 1856, Vermont broke away from the Whig party when it found that the party had lost its usefulness as a party of progress."

ALLEGED SLAYER TO HAVE HEARING NEXT SATURDAY

McCleary Requests "Last Look At His Mother's Body."

AUTOPSY WILL BE MADE TOMORROW

State Prepares to Resist Insanity Defense If It Is Made.

By L. R. COLBURN.

HAGERSTOWN, Md., Aug. 29.—Norman Bruce McCleary was today recommitted on a charge of murdering Mrs. Nannie B. Henry, for a preliminary hearing at 10 o'clock Saturday morning. The prisoner was arraigned in his cell before Magistrate Daniel W. Doub.

The commitment was sworn to by Chief of Police Fridinger, and charged "that Norman Bruce McCleary did feloniously kill and murder Nannie B. Henry." The proceeding was simply a formal one and no one was present except the officers.

"Won't you do me a favor?" asked McCleary of one of the officers as they started away from his cell.

"What is it?" the officer inquired.

"Please let me look on my mother's body before she is buried," the prisoner replied.

Autopsy Postponed.

Asked why he thought his mother was dead, McCleary replied that he had heard it in some way, and was convinced she was going to be buried today. He was assured she was not dead.

The autopsy of Mrs. Henry's body, which was to have been performed this afternoon, has been postponed until tomorrow. Dr. Brannum, assistant to the coroner's physician of Baltimore, who with Dr. Percegnon Wroth, of Hagerstown, is to perform the autopsy, shortly before noon that he had missed his train, and would not be able to get here before tomorrow.

The State's attorney said that if the defense wished another postponement of the hearing he would not object, and McCleary would simply be committed for another day. McCleary's attorneys have arranged to have a physician present at the autopsy tomorrow.

Mr. Wolinger said today that no verbal copy of the confession would be made public until the case is called for trial in November.

"It is reported that the confession will be introduced as evidence. In the meantime I will keep it locked up and no one will be permitted to see it."

Verbal Statement Only.

Mr. Wolinger said that the only testimony regarding a confession that the State would offer at the preliminary hearing would be the verbal statements which McCleary had made. He said he believed there was enough evidence against the prisoner to hold him for the grand jury without introducing the signed confession.

It is reported that the confession consists of about five typewritten pages, contains admission of the actual killing of Mrs. Henry, the State's attorney said. The State will make a strong fight against the introduction of any evidence tending to show that McCleary is of unsound mind, physicians, who have examined him for the prosecution, reporting that he is simply feigning insanity.

McCleary's lawyers, Wagman and Wagman, have complained that the officers at the jail had refused to permit a physician representing McCleary to see the prisoner.

They are making every effort to have a physician examine him to determine his mental condition.

It is reported here that William G. Henry, husband of the murdered woman, who has been missing for the last twenty years, was in the city and been talking to relatives. This was denied by relatives. Miss Henry, with whom McCleary was infatuated, and who it is claimed he intended to kill in Washington if she refused to marry him, is still at the home of her uncle.

If the confession which the State claims it has obtained from McCleary is the correct version of the manner in which Mrs. Henry was killed, the murder was one of the most cold-blooded that has ever occurred in this section of the State, attorneys say.

Granted An Absolute Divorce



MRS. LAURA LAWSON ELLIS.

INDICTMENTS SAID TO ACCUSE OWNERS OF "PLANTING" PLOT

Mill Operators May Have To Answer Conspiracy Charge.

BOSTON, Aug. 29.—The first of the indictments against mill operators of this city, who are alleged to have sent dynamite to be planted in Lawrence during the recent textile strike there in order to check the growth of unionism, and especially of the Industrial Workers of the World, in New England, were handed up to Justice Pratt in the superior court here today.

The were sealed, but it was asserted that at least three of the best known mill men in this section were involved. District Attorney Pelletier, who forced the indictments, declared that there might be others if the connection between the men indicted today and others "higher up" could be established.

One indictment returned contained the name of a single individual and the other was a blanket indictment supposedly against three men.

Pelletier said today that he intended pushing the prosecution of everyone involved in the conspiracy. He secured the first intimation of the extent of the plot through his interrogation of Ernest Pitman, the Andover mill contractor who committed suicide rather than tell all he knew about the plot to the grand jury.

According to John W. Pitman, father of the suicide, young Pitman told of the plot to strike leaders J. Breen, member of the Lawrence School Board, had paid a fine of \$500 for planting dynamite. Pitman had thought this ended the matter but Pelletier thought otherwise and forced Pitman to tell all he knew. Although the contractor killed himself, Pelletier said today that he would not be able to force others, including Breen, to appear before the grand jury and tell all they knew.

Pelletier insisted this afternoon that the whole story of the conspiracy would be developed by him in open court. He said the followers of the jailed strike leaders, Eitor and Giovannitti, held on a murder charge because they were killed during a riot in Lawrence while the strike was in progress were planning today to take advantage of the present development to aid their men.

It has been alleged by attorneys for the jailed strike leaders that the mill owners were in a conspiracy to "rail-road" the pair to the electric chair and it was hoped that the complete unfolding of the "dynamite plot" would arouse sentiment that would aid the accused.

PEKING IS FEARFUL OF SUDDEN ATTACK

Mutinous Forces Are Growing Daily, and Many Murders Are Being Committed.

TIENTSIN, Aug. 29.—A threat to attack the capital was received at Peking today from General Chiang's mutinous forces at Tung Chow. Villages are now being sacked and many of their inhabitants murdered.

President Yuan Shi Kai is showing remarkably little anxiety concerning the outbreak, and the conviction is strengthened here that he engineered it and thinks he can put it down. There is fear that it will get beyond his control. The mutineers number about 10,000 and are gaining strength daily.

Representatives of the "Dare to Die," who arrived here from Shanghai, say that if harm befalls Dr. Sun Yat Sen, whose death Yuan is suspected of engineering to compass under cover of the mutiny, his own life will answer for it.

WOMAN WITH KNIVES RUSHES AT PRESIDENT

Supposedly Insane Female Is Captured By Secret Service Men.

SHE TRIED TO ENTER ELEVATOR WITH TAFT

Prisoner Tells Detectives She Is Wife of Chief Executive.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Aug. 29.—An attempted attack on President Taft, who came here today for the Ohio-Columbus centennial, was made by a supposedly insane woman in the Southern Hotel, within an hour and a half after the President's arrival in the city. Detectives caught and arrested the woman before she was able to lay hands on the President.

The woman, who gave her name as Carolyn Beers, of Greenville, Ohio, attempted to enter the same elevator with President Taft. Two pocket-knives were found hidden in the folds of her dress.

His "Sacred Knife."

The woman was seen about the corridors of the hotel yesterday, and today when she tried to crowd into the same elevator with Taft, she was immediately arrested. She told the police she wanted to give the President a "sacred knife." Detectives T. C. Johnson, of Pittsburgh, and Ollie Hamer, of Columbus, made the arrest.

"I am the President's wife," the woman shouted, as the detectives stopped her in the act of entering the elevator with Taft. "I am following him to see that he is true to me. I have a sacred knife which I am going to give him."

The woman was rushed to the city prison where she was searched by the matron and the two knives were found. Both were pocket knives, one with a blade three inches long.

The woman had about \$2.00 on her person. In later interview with Police Chief O'Neill the woman talked incoherently. She said she had seen President Taft at the Gibson House in Cincinnati last fall and that he had told her to go home and stay with her daughter.

She continued to insist that she was Mrs. Taft, and to insist that the chief told her he would have the President visit her at the city prison.

Steers Clear of Politics.

This was federal day at the Ohio-Columbus Centennial and the Ohio Centenary State Fair. President Taft arrived for the double celebration at 7:25 a. m., accompanied only by his military aide, Major W. L. Rhea. He said he would steer clear of political subjects in several speeches he was to make here.

A battalion of Spanish-American war veterans, a troop of the First Ohio cavalry and a battalion of United States infantry formed an escort of honor for the President.

The program for the day called for the President's remaining on the fair grounds from morning until late in the afternoon.

Tonight Taft will attend a ten-dollar-a-plate banquet for members of the bench and bar and others.

Governor Harmon will act as toastmaster.

MISSING GIRL HOME; FOUND BY SISTER

Little Eileen Callily Said She Had Been With Relatives Since Monday.

Eileen Callily, who has been missing from her home at 24 E. Eighth street northwest, since Monday last, and for whom the police has been searching for the past twenty-four hours showed up at her home this afternoon happy and smiling.

Kathleen Callily, her seventeen-year-old sister, said that she had found the little girl at a store on Seventh street near N Street.

Mrs. Callily, at whose home the Callily family had been staying since Monday, said that she had been brought home by another little girl.

Eileen made no explanation except to say that she had been staying with a friend. None of the Cornwell or Callily families were disposed to talk at the case, now that the little girl is home.

The message that Eileen has been found will immediately be dispatched to her mother, who is at Bar Harbor.

BAR ASSOCIATION TO ELECT OFFICERS

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Aug. 29.—Discussion of "The American Judicial System," nomination of officers for the coming year, and the completion of routine business was the program for the final session of the American Bar Association today. The discussion will be led by Henry D. Estabrook, of New York; Joseph C. France, of Maryland; and Frederick N. Judson, of Missouri.

The only man mentioned today as a successor of President S. S. Gregory, of Chicago, is Frank Kellogg, the Minnesota "trust buster."